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SUBJECT: GILLESPIE RESPONSE TO SCHLESINGER CONCERNING
KITIMAT DECISION.

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1079

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GILLESPIE RESPONSE TO SCHLESINGER
LETTER OF MARCH 2 CONCERNING THE CANADIAN DECISION ON THE
KITIMAT PIPELINE. GILLESPIE LETTER, DATED MARCH 13, WAS
DELIVERED TO SCHLESINGER UNDER COVER OF A TRANSMITTAL NOTE
FROM AMBASSADOR TOWE.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF GILLESPIE LETTER: "DEAR JIM: LIKE YOU,
I PLACE A GOOD DEAL OF IMPORTANCE ON THE NEED TO MAKE THE
MOST OF THE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES
SHARE--TO WORK OUT WHEREVER POSSIBLE THE ENERGY PROBLEMS
WE BOTH CONFRONT IN A WAY THAT WILL BE TO OUR MUTUAL
ADVANTAGE. THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS WHICH WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
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AS PROJECTS OF POTENTIAL JOINT INTEREST HAS BEEN MOST
ENCOURAGING--SO, TOO, HAS BEEN THE DEGREE OF CONSULTATION
THAT HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AT ALL
LEVELS ON ENERGY ISSUES.

IN THIS CONNECTION I HAVE MADE A POINT OF TRYING TO
INDICATE CANADIAN POLICY DIRECTIONS AND POTENTIAL DEVELOP-

MENTS WELL AHEAD OF THE LIKELY EVENT. FOR INSTANCE,
PRIOR TO VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT TO OTTAWA, I
CONVEYED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADOR MY
CONCERNS REGARDING THE KITIMAT OIL PIPELINE PROJECT. I
ALSO CONVEYED THESE CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO THE VICE-
PRESIDENT AND TO HIS DELEGATION DURING HIS VERY SUCCESSFUL
VISIT HERE, AND SUGGESTED THAT AN ALTERNATIVE SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED--AN OIL PIPELINE FROM FAIRBANKS LAID PARALLEL
TO THE ALCAN GAS PIPELINE.

I REGRET THEREFORE IF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO WHICH YOU REFER
TOOK SOME OF YOUR PEOPLE BY SURPRISE. I, LIKE YOU, AM
MOST ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND BETWEEN OUR TWO DEPART-
MENTS.

WITH BEST WISHES,

YOURS SINCERELY,

ALASTAIR GILLESPIE " TEXT ENDS. VANCE

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